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1. BUDGET SUMMARY. FINAL BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT HAS ONLY MINOR CHANGES FROM THAT REPORTED REF. B, AND RECOMMENDED DECREASES IN THE BUDGET REMAIN VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED. END SUMMARY.

2. ONLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN REPORT RELATING TO PART I ACTIVITIES WERE A) RECOMMENDED ABOLISHMENT OF 13 POSTS WITHOUT SPECIFYING GRADE LEVEL AND LEAVING CHOICE TO SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ACTUAL POST TO BE ABOLISHED AND B) AGREEMENT REACHED ON REDUCTION OF THREE MILLION FRANCS FROM PROVISION FOR GENERAL REVIEW WITH BALANCE PROVISIONS FOR GENERAL REVIEW AND FOR COST OF LIVING BEING BLOCKED IN BUDGET PENDING SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY BUDGET COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL.

3. COMMITTEE BELIEVED THAT SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL BE LESS ABLE OPPOSE ABOLITION OF 13 POSTS IN ORGANIZATION THAN WOULD BE THE CASE IF ALL RECOMMENDED ABOLISHMENTS HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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BEEN PROFESSIONAL LEVEL POSITIONS. HOWEVER, MISSION

BELIEVES THAT SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL MAKE DETERMINED EFFORT TO HAVE COUNCIL RESTORE SOME OF PROPOSED CUTS OF POSITIONS AS WELL AS CONSULTANCY AND TRAVEL FUNDS.

4. COMMITTEE REPORT REQUESTS COUNCIL TO DECIDE ON THE INTEGRATION OF POPULATION ACTIVITIES INTO THE REGULAR DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROGRAM AND BUDGET. MISSION WILL DRAW UPONSTRUCTIONS REF. A, TO DEFEND INTEGRATION OF THE POPULATION ACTIVITIES DURING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS. EXPECT CONTINUED OPPOSITION THIS INTEGRATION FROM ITALY AND FRANCE. ONLY OTHER CHANGE IN RECOMMENDATIONS ON DEVELOPMENT CENTER WAS FOR THE ABOLISHMENT OF ONE A-3 POST.

5. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, MISSION PLANS A) SUPPORT BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDING POSITION CUTS DO NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT PROGRAMS OF A SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE INTEREST TO U.S., B) SEEK ALTERNATIVE REDUCTIONS IN BUDGET IN EVENT ANY RECOMMENDED DECREASES ARE RESTORED DURING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 2 AND 12, AND C) PRESS FOR INCLUSION OF POPULATION ACTIVITIES INTO REGULAR BUDGET OF DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

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